

**Table F-5. Median salary of full-time employed science and engineering bachelor's degree recipients in 1997 and 1998, by broad sector of employment and major field of degree: April 1999**

Major field of 1997-98 S&E bachelor's degree	Total	Broad sector of employment		
		Private industry and business <sup>1</sup>	Educational institution <sup>2</sup>	Government <sup>3</sup>
All science and engineering fields.....	\$30,000	\$33,000	\$24,000	\$27,000
Total science.....	27,900	30,000	24,000	26,000
Computer and information sciences.....	44,000	45,000	S	34,000
Life and related sciences, total.....	25,000	26,500	23,000	25,000
Agricultural and food sciences.....	26,500	27,000	S	S
Biological sciences.....	25,000	26,000	23,000	26,500
Environmental life sciences including forestry sciences.....	26,000	28,000	S	S
Mathematical and related sciences.....	30,000	35,800	26,000	S
Physical and related sciences, total.....	28,500	30,000	25,000	26,000
Chemistry, except biochemistry.....	28,500	31,000	25,000	S
Earth sciences, geology, and oceanography.....	26,000	27,000	21,600	26,000
Physics and astronomy.....	35,400	40,000	26,000	S
Other physical sciences.....	S	S	S	S
Psychology.....	25,000	26,000	23,500	25,000
Social and related sciences, total.....	27,900	29,900	24,000	26,000
Economics.....	35,000	35,000	S	S
Political science and related sciences.....	29,000	30,000	24,000	27,000
Sociology and anthropology.....	24,500	25,000	24,000	25,000
Other social sciences.....	26,000	28,000	24,000	26,200
Total engineering.....	42,500	43,000	32,000	34,000
Aerospace and related engineering.....	41,000	43,000	S	30,000
Chemical engineering.....	45,000	46,000	S	S
Civil and architectural engineering.....	37,000	38,000	S	33,000
Electrical, electronic, computer and communications engineering.....	46,000	47,000	S	40,000
Industrial engineering.....	41,000	42,000	S	S
Mechanical engineering.....	43,000	43,000	S	S
Other engineering.....	40,000	42,000	S	33,000

<sup>1</sup> Private industry and business includes all private for-profit and private not-for-profit companies, businesses, and organizations, except those reported as educational institutions.

<sup>2</sup> Educational institutions include elementary and secondary schools, 2-year and 4-year colleges and universities, medical schools, university-affiliated research organizations, and all other educational institutions.

<sup>3</sup> Government includes local, state, and Federal Government, military, and commissioned corps.

**KEY:** S = Data with weighted values less than 100 or unweighted sample sizes less than 20 are suppressed for reasons of data reliability.

**NOTES:** Salary data are for principal job only. Full-time employed are those working at least 35 hours per week at their principal job. Self-employed persons and full-time students are excluded from salary data.

**SOURCE:** National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 1999